

The in-kind contribution of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in swing-states by Pappas Telecasting Companies is yet another example of a powerful media corporation abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves to further its own agenda.

Pappas is using the public airwaves free of charge to make a profit and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions illustrates their disinterest in serving the public. These actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard.